

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
JULY 25, 2013**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Deacon Alvin Collins of Litway Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Jackson and Aldermen Johnson, Osborne and Shabazz all thanked Deacon Collins for his inspiration and guidance throughout the years.

PRESENT:

Mayor Edna Jackson, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Van Johnson, II
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council (left at 4 p.m.)
Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council (left at 4:45 p.m.)
Aldermen Mary Ellen Sprague, Estella Shabazz, Carol Bell,
John Hall and Tom Bordeaux

City Manager Stephanie Cutter
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorneys William W. Shearouse & Lester B. Johnson, III

MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution for an Executive Session held today to discuss litigation where no votes were taken. (SEE RESOLUTIONS).

Upon motion of Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the Summary/Final minutes of the City Manager's Briefing of July 11, 2013 and the Summary/Final Minutes of the City Council Meeting of July 11, 2013.

Mayor Jackson introduced Gerald Arrington, Jr., Program Director and radio personality for Cumulus Broadcasting, known throughout the community as "Lil G." Mr. Arrington was promoted by Cumulus Broadcasting and will be leaving Savannah to work at their corporate office in Atlanta. Alderman Johnson acknowledged his motivating work with young people and expressed his gratitude for Lil G being such a wonderful friend. The Mayor congratulated "Lil G" and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work and dedication to the youth of Savannah. Mr. Arrington introduced his wife Latisha, daughters Ashley and Tamia and thanked the Mayor and members of Council for all the well wishes.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

The following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of these licenses.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Stephen B. Klahr for The District Café and Eatery, requesting to transfer the 2013 beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Mark Bemis at 202 E. Broughton Street, which is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in District 1. (Change of ownership/management) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Jackson asked the applicant to come up and give his name. He stated his name was Stephen B. Klahr. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he was correct that Mr. Klahr wanted to have the license transferred to his name and what was the business. Mr. Klahr stated that was correct and it is The District Café and Eatery. Alderman Bordeaux asked did he understand that having an alcohol sales license in the City of Savannah carries certain responsibilities with it and there are certain laws and regulations that go along with that. Mr. Klahr stated yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux also asked if Mr. Klahr understood that if the person holding that license did not meet those obligations he would be in danger of losing the license and endangering the business. Mr. Klahr stated yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understood the English language and Mr. Klahr stated yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux thanked him.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Walker McCumber for Jay Matgi, LLC t/a Omkar Convenience Store, requesting a beer and wine (package) license at 2016 Delesseps Avenue, which had a 2013 beer and wine (package) license and is located between Cuba and Honduras Streets in District 3. (New ownership/management) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried it was continued to August 8, 2013 per the City Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Jackson asked the applicant to identify himself and who he is representing. He stated his name was Walker McCumber and he's applying for a license for the Omkar Convenience Store located at 2016 Delesseps Avenue. Mayor Jackson asked Mr. McCumber if he was aware of the recommendation to continue this hearing to August 8, 2013. Mr. McCumber stated yesterday around 5 p.m. he received a telephone message at his home regarding the recommendation. He said Mr. Patel, whom he has known for about four years, called him in May wanting to meet and he agreed. Mr. McCumber has known Mr. Patel's wife, who was at the podium with him for about ten years and she has rented property from him for ten years as well. Mr. Patel told him that he and Rash Patel were in business together, but split up and Rash Patel said he could use the license for the remainder of the year. Once Rash Patel was paid by Mr. Patel he cancelled the license. Mr. Patel's business has declined and he is in a quandary. Mr. McCumber said he previously owned a convenience store and knows how significant a liquor license is to the business. He said he has had a liquor and beer license for 30 years and had a package shop for about five years. He has served on the SDRA board and MPC and is not a stranger to Savannah.

Mayor Jackson said she would yield to Attorney Stillwell who asked Mr. McCumber if he would personally be involved in the business. Mr. McCumber stated he would be there for some assistance, but could not be there all the time. Attorney Stillwell then asked if it were true that he stated to City employees during an interview that he would not be involved in running the business. Mr. McCumber responded no sir. Attorney Stillwell said it had come to staff's attention that the operator of the business is different than Mr. McCumber and he allegedly told them he was not going to be participating in the business. On that basis, the City recommended it be deferred so staff could meet with Mr. McCumber and the operator to sort through everything and circumvent a show cause hearing. Attorney Stillwell stated he is still recommending a two-week continuance. Mayor Jackson told Mr. McCumber that he has every right to ask questions; but due to the alleged statements the continuance is necessary and will provide an opportunity to work things out before the hearing and final vote.

Alderman Hall said he was informed a two-week continuance would be in Mr. McCumber's best interest. He understands the urgency in obtaining a license to sell beer and knows this is disappointing, but if Council voted today they would deny it. Alderman Hall asked for Mr. McCumber's patience as Council needs the extra two weeks to examine the facts and make a determination. Mr. McCumber asked who he would meet with in the interim and Mayor Jackson said the Revenue Department would get in touch with him. Attorney Stillwell stated that Cindy Landolt, Revenue Director left Mr. McCumber a telephone message requesting to personally meet with him and the operator. Mayor Jackson asked her to come to the podium and for the record to identify herself. She said her name was Cindy Landolt, Revenue Director for the City of Savannah. Ms. Landolt stated she did leave a message for Mr. McCumber yesterday afternoon on his answering machine; he returned the call but she was in a meeting. They spoke later that day and a meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2013 at 1 p.m. to discuss everything and try to resolve the issues. Mayor Jackson asked Mr. McCumber if he understood the need for the continuance and he responded yes.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Thierry S. Rader for Vive Tapas Lounge, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and hybrid permits at 111 W. Congress Street, which had a 2012 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license and is located between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in District 1. (New ownership/management) Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Jackson asked the applicant to come up and give his name. He stated his name was Thierry Rader and he was applying for a license for Vive Tapas Lounge at 111 W. Congress Street in Savannah. Alderman Bordeaux asked since he was applying for a liquor, beer and wine license, did he understand that Savannah's code comes with certain responsibilities. It also involves who he can sell it to, how you must keep up your property and how many people can enter the premises. Mr. Rader responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understands that if he doesn't follow and comply with all the rules and regulations he would be in danger of losing his license, his business and putting people out of work. Mr. Rader responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understood the English language and Mr. Rader responded yes.

Alderman Osborne stated this was for a hybrid permit and asked if he planned to operate on Sundays. Mr. Rader responded yes. Alderman Osborne said there are certain requirements for operating on Sunday with a hybrid permit and asked the City Manager to state those for Mr. Rader. The City Manager asked Judee Jones, Revenue Department to come to the podium to explain the requirements for a hybrid license. Ms. Jones stated for the record that a hybrid permit allows a restaurant to transition from a restaurant to a bar. She said Mr. Rader stated his kitchen would close at 9 p.m. every night and the conversion would take place at that time. That also means no one under twenty-one would be allowed in the establishment once the transition was complete. Alderman Osborne asked if the applicant understood that and Mr. Rader responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux said he was not singling Mr. Rader out. He's asking everyone the same questions so six months down the line someone isn't hauled before Council, saying they never knew they had any responsibilities. Mr. Rader stated he understood and Alderman Bordeaux thanked him.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Marshall Urstadt for The Bier Haus, requesting a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 513 E. Oglethorpe Avenue, Unit H, which is located between Price and East Broad Streets in District 2. (New ownership/location) Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Alderman Osborne asked if the business was currently operating and Mr. Urstadt responded yes it opened four weeks ago but not with a beer and wine license. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understood that if granted this license he would be required to comply with certain rules and regulations of Savannah regarding who, how and when it can be served, how your establishment has to be maintained, how many people can come in, etc. Mr. Urstadt responded yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understands that if he doesn't abide by those rules and regulations he is in danger of losing his license, thereby endangering his business and the livelihood of himself and his employees. Mr. Urstadt responded yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux asked did he promise to abide by those rules and regulations and did he understand the English language. Mr. Urstadt responded yes sir. Alderman Bordeaux thanked him.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Bradley J. Hadwin for Douglas Hadwin Holdings, LLC, t/a Commons Liquor, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (package) license at 4827 Waters Avenue, which is located between 63rd and 65th Streets in District 4. (New ownership/location) Upon a motion by Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Jackson asked the applicant to identify himself. He stated his name was Bradley Hadwin, owner of Commons Liquor and he was applying for an alcohol package license for the Medical Arts Shopping Center at 4827 Waters Avenue. Alderman Bordeaux asked if this was a new business and had there been a business there before. Mr. Hadwin stated they were moving from Garden City and there was a business at that location about ten years ago. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he understood that the City of Savannah has certain rules and regulations by which he must abide by; which relates to what procedures he must follow, who he can sell to, how the premises must be maintained, etc. Mr. Hadwin responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux asked did he understand that if he doesn't abide by those rules and regulations he is in danger of losing his

license, thereby endangering his business and the livelihood of himself and his staff. Mr. Hadwin responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux asked did he promise to abide by those rules and regulations and did he read and speak the English language. Mr. Hadwin responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux thanked him.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Stephanie Lindley for Byrd Cookie Company of Savannah t/a B.T. Byrd's, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 102 E. Liberty Street, which is located between Drayton and Floyd Streets in District 1. (New ownership/location) Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Stephanie Lindley for Byrd Cookie Company of Savannah t/a Byrd's Famous Cookies @ City Market, requesting a wine (package) license at 213 W. Saint Julian Street, which is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in District 1. (New ownership/location) Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried it was approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Jackson stated both hearings would be heard at the same time. Alderman Johnson asked since Stephanie Lindley has applied for two alcohol licenses with one at 102 E. Liberty Street and the other at 213 W. Saint Julian Street, did she understand having an alcohol license in the City of Savannah is a privilege and not a right. Ms. Lindley responded yes. Alderman Johnson asked if she understood the rules and regulations by which she must conduct her business; if she doesn't abide by those rules and regulations that privilege is subject to revocation by the City of Savannah and if she promised to abide by the same rules. Ms. Lindley responded yes. Alderman Johnson asked if she could read and understand the English language. Ms. Lindley responded I do. Alderman Johnson thanked her.

Alderman Hall stated that 102 E. Liberty Street is not far from 300 Drayton Street and asked City staff if there was enough parking at both locations. Judee Jones stated she checked with Zoning and Parking Services; parking is not required for this location and is exempt from the parking requirement. Alderman Hall asked for an explanation and Mayor Jackson asked if it was a restaurant as it doesn't state that on the petition. Alderman Bordeaux stated these locations are already zoned for a restaurant, the petitions are for an alcohol license to serve alcohol and parking is not an issue. The City Manager clarified that zoning in that area does not require parking and is zoned B-C. Mayor Jackson asked Alderman Hall if his question was answered and he responded yes. Alderman Bordeaux stated that his office was down the street from her Liberty Street establishment and welcomed Ms. Lindley to the neighborhood. Ms. Lindley thanked him and said they were excited about the location.

As advertised hearing was held on a petition of Jayantibhai Patel for Hari Bar and Grill Inc. t/a Buck Wild Sport Bar and Grill, requesting to transfer the 2013 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and hybrid permits from Susan Lingerfelter at 11414 Abercorn Street, which is located between Idlewood and Largo Drives in District 6. (New ownership/management) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried to continue the hearing to August 8, 2013 per the City Manager's recommendation.

ZONING HEARINGS

Matthew M. Bush, Agent (13-002261-ZA), requesting to rezone 1016 E. Anderson Street from R-4 (Four-Family Residential) to R-B-1 (Residential-Business) for the purpose of establishing a rooming house. The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends denial. The proposed zoning is not consistent with the Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, which calls for Single-Family- Residential. Rezoning this site to an R-B-1 classification will allow the expansion of high density residential uses and non-residential uses into an established low to medium density residential area. Such an intrusion could be detrimental to the adjacent residential properties, increase pressure to rezone additional properties, and further transition and erode the viability and stability of the residential neighborhood. Upon a motion by Alderman Bordeaux, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried to refer it back to MPC.

Marcus Lotson with MPC stated he believes the petitioner is present at the hearing with the intent to ask that this item be continued so they might revisit their zoning request. If they do so, it is MPC's recommendation they bring it back to the planning commission so a new recommendation can be established and brought before the City Council. Alderman Johnson said he was interested in page two of the Staff Report regarding the MPC vote which states for approval, denial and abstaining. Alderman Johnson stated it doesn't add up and asked Mr. Lotson for clarification. Mr. Lotson stated it was a misprint and MPC would use the minutes to verify the actual count. Mr. Lotson stated he was at that meeting and recalls it was a unanimous vote for denial, but they will get that confirmed. Mayor Jackson thanked Mr. Lotson.

Mayor Jackson asked the applicant to identify herself and she stated her name was Lenell Dufour. Ms. Dufour said Mr. Bush is her agent and was not able to attend the hearing. She stated they were asking for a continuance. She's not sure of the timeframe because they will have to go back through MPC, but it could be approximately two months from now. They have decided not to go forward with the rooming house due to various concerns and conflicting responses from the community. Instead, they want to use the property for something different and want to petition again as an R-B for a use that might be more appropriate for the neighborhood. The Clerk of Council clarified that if it is denied today the petitioner cannot come before Council for one year; but if it is continued the petitioner can appear before Council without the time constraint. Ms. Dufour stated that is what she was told as well and why she was instructed to ask for a continuance. Attorney Stillwell stated if Mayor Jackson wants to comply with Ms. Dufour's request, then refer the matter back to MPC and they can restart the process.

Alderman Shabazz asked Ms. Dufour what her future plans were for the property. Ms. Dufour stated they had decided against the rooming house option, but were strongly encouraged by two different inspectors to go forward with that use. Ms. Dufour said the inspectors told her there was really a need for it and actually pleaded with her to go forward with a rooming house. Now that she knows that is totally off base, they are looking at a few other options. One use would be a group home for the elderly or the mentally challenged. Another use they are looking at is the possibility of an art studio where one would rent out space to create art and have an art gallery downstairs where they could sell it. They were told by SCAD students that there is a need for this in Savannah as senior citizen centers are the only facilities that have rooms specifically for

art so they will look into that. The third option they're reviewing is the property next door which is for sale. It is unusable in its current state because it is a 15-unit apartment building with no available parking. If they went with that option, 1016 Anderson would have to be rezoned and used as a parking lot for the property next door; those are the three possibilities they are looking at which would conform to the RIP-B zone.

Alderman Thomas asked for clarification on the two inspectors who asked her to go forward with the rooming house. Ms. Dufour said she believed their job was to inspect, close down the 100 current illegal rooming houses and relocate those 1,000 displaced residents into affordable housing somewhere in Savannah. Ms. Dufour stated the inspectors' jobs would be easier if there were some way to open legal rooming houses. She said the newspaper always states that the City wants more legal ones, but she's finding that they really don't want because that's not really the case politically. Alderman Thomas stated she should have a one-on-one conversation with the City Manager so she can address that issue. He stated he's personally appalled that City employees are out there advocating for rooming houses. Ms. Dufour emphasized that she was only referring to legal rooming houses for the homeless, those in shelters and people sorely in need of a place to live. She said she has read the quotes by Alderman Johnson and community activists stating they all want more legal rooming houses. Alderman Osborne stated that MPC should be aware that they have an established neighborhood plan for what Ms. Dufour has been discussing. Also, what she was initially proposing does not fit the plan or anything similar to it. As Alderman for that district, she along with the residents would be advocating against it. Ms. Dufour said she understood and that is why she was withdrawing the entire idea. She did want Council to know why she carried it this far, and that she was asked to come to the hearing and speak on behalf of this issue.

Mayor Jackson thanked her for coming and asked the next person to come up and state their name. She stated her name was Carrie Collins and she is a community activist. She lives at 1019 E. Henry Street, which is directly behind the established rooming house. She also works with the Eastside Concerned Citizens Association. Ms. Collins stated that Mr. Patrick was not able to attend the hearing today, but Alderman Osborne has given a brief synopsis of what is planned for the area; and they are against any rooming houses coming into their neighborhood. Alderman Osborne thanked Ms. Collins. Alderman Bell asked Ms. Dufour to return to the podium and then thanked her for at least trying to work with Council, changing her pursuit and considering other options. Alderman Shabazz also thanked Ms. Dufour in particular for coming out publicly and discussing legal versus illegal rooming houses. Alderman Shabazz stated as a Council person as well as clergy, she is very close to the vast homeless issue in the community and they are in dire need of legal places to live. Alderman Johnson concurred with Alderman Shabazz and stated if Savannah is going to be the caring city it says it is, then they should find and facilitate a legal place for its residents to live. Alderman Osborne stated there is definitely a need for affordable housing, but it can't be addressed by infringing on an established residential neighborhood. Mayor Jackson informed Ms. Dufour that since Council was sending it back to MPC she would not have to wait one year to find out what her options were.

Robin Flanders, Agent for June Adams, Owner (13-002897-ZA), requesting to rezone 6705 Abercorn Street (the former Bennigan's Restaurant) from P-RIP-B-1 (Planned Residential – Medium Density) to B-C (Community Business) to permit more commercial uses. MPC recommends approval. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and will establish a zoning district that is compatible with the development pattern that currently exists in the surrounding area. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried.

Alderman Sprague stated this is her district and asked Mr. Lotson if the properties on either side or adjacent on Abercorn are B-C and if not what are they. Mr. Lotson responded they are not B-C; the hotel next door is RIP and he believes the office building on the other side is IP. Alderman Sprague asked Mr. Lotson what uses would make this property more saleable and he responded that B-C allows for most of the commercial uses that are allowed within the zoning district. He stated he also has an attachment comprised of a long list of uses allowed in the B-C classification. Alderman Bell asked Mr. Lotson if he knew what the planned uses were for this property. He stated the owner hasn't conveyed that to MPC, but he believes they want to open it up to a greater array of people who might be interested in leasing the property. Alderman Thomas asked Mr. Lotson what would currently be prohibited in that locale as far as commercial use is concerned. Mr. Lotson said in terms of intensity for example a car dealership could not go there, but for retail purposes restaurants or hotels could occupy the space.

Alderman Osborne asked Mr. Lotson how changing to the proposed zoning would make the property more viable. Mr. Lotson stated that the current zoning is not a commercial zoning district, but is a mixed-use residential district that's been there since 1978. He also said almost everything south of Stephenson is zoned B-C and between DeRenne and Stephenson is a mixed bag of things that haven't been rezoned. Mayor Jackson asked Ms. Flanders to identify herself and she stated her name was Robin Flanders, agent for June Adams the property owner. Alderman Sprague asked Ms. Flanders what the owner intends to do with the property. Ms. Flanders stated they currently have it up for lease and have received several calls for different uses such as a car dealership. Alderman Sprague stated there have been some concerns about maintenance of this very public and noticeable property, and asked Ms. Flanders to please ensure that it is properly taken care of until it is sold or leased. Alderman Osborne asked Ms. Flanders if one of the calls was for a car dealership, and Ms. Flanders responded yes. Alderman Osborne then asked Mr. Lotson if a car dealership would be allowed and he responded yes it would be allowed under the proposed zoning. Mayor Jackson thanked Ms. Flanders.

PETITIONS

Prospector Co. (Tenant/Business Owner), on behalf of New Broughton LLC (Property Owner) – Petition 120628, requesting the City allow encroachment within the Broughton Street right-of-way for the installation of an awning. The subject property is located at 320 W. Broughton Street on the north side of Broughton between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets. The awning is designed as 98" wide x 36" high, with a projection of 36", and provides 8'-0" vertical clearance.

This request has been reviewed by Public Works and Water Resources and Development Services with approval recommended. Approval however is subject to the property owner assuming all responsibility for injuries or damages to third parties as a result of the encroachment. The City will be held harmless for maintenance and liability of the proposed awning. All City construction guidelines must be followed, and the awning installation must meet all federal, state and local codes. The property owner should be advised that such encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the encroaching item(s) must be removed at the petitioner or property owner's expense upon request of the City. (Photos are attached.) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried.

Thomas Angell of Verdant Enterprises, LLC (Tenant/Business Owner), on behalf of Yeldarb Inc. (Property Owner) – Petition 120618, requesting the City allow encroachment within the Henry Street right-of-way for the installation of landscaping within the treelawn to include river rock gravel, steel edging, and a “pondless basin”/fountain. The subject property is located at 3 W. Henry Street, on the south side of Henry just west of Bull Street (neighboring the City's Cultural Arts gallery and offices).

This request has been reviewed by Public Works and Water Resources, Development Services, and Park and Tree with approval recommended. Approval however is subject to the property owner assuming all responsibility for injuries or damages to third parties as a result of the encroachments. The City will be held harmless for maintenance and liability of the proposed river rock gravel area, steel edging and the “pondless basin”/fountain. The City reserves the right to complete maintenance in this area, and will not be responsible for restoring affected areas. The property owner should be advised that such encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the encroaching items must be removed at the property owner's expense upon request of the City. (A plan and photos are attached.) Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried.

Ardis Wood, resident of Savannah presented a brief outline of the physical condition of the area, including tree lawns and provided pictures to Council.

Jerry Clark – Petition 120597, requesting the City to declare surplus a portion of W. 53rd Street lane approximately 16' x 70', located on the south side of his property located at 1007 W. 53rd Street and 1009 W. 53rd Street.

Mr. Clark wishes to acquire the property in order to increase his adjacent properties by closing an unused portion of lane, which his properties lay to the north and south. The lane appears to dead-end at Mr. Barnes' property. Mr. Barnes has waived all interest to the property.

The original design of the lane appears to allow very limited access and maneuverability prohibiting its use by City garbage trucks. In addition, upon field investigation of the lane, City staff observed that the lane is fenced in at the property known as 3710 Hopkins Street, no longer allowing the lane to run to Hopkins Street.

Public Works and Water Resources, Development Services, Park and Tree, Housing, Leisure Services, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and Fire and Emergency Services have reviewed the petition and there are no objections to the petitioner's request. Staff recommends approval. (An aerial photo is attached.) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried.

Lynda Beam of Guerry Lumber – Petition 120627, requesting the City declare surplus a portion of W. 45th Street Lane adjacent to her properties located at 213 W. 45th Street, 209 W 45th Street, and 0 45th Street.

Mrs. Beam wishes to acquire the subject property and enclose the unused portion of W. 45th Street Lane between her properties. Staff observed that W. 45th Street Lane has significant vegetative overgrowth, cluttered with equipment and debris. Plat Book 1 Page 54 show that the original design of the lane appears to dead and in this area, never actually running to Montgomery Street. The lane ends where an unopened and unnamed City easement running from W. 45th Street and W. 46th Street intersects W. 45th lane. The original design of the lane appears to allow very limited access and maneuverability prohibiting its use by City garbage trucks.

Public Works and Water Resources, Development Services, Park and Tree, Housing, Leisure Services, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and Fire and Emergency Services have reviewed the petition and there are no objections to the petitioner's request. Staff recommends approval. (An aerial photo is attached.) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

First and Second Readings

Ordinance read for the first time in Council July 25, 2013, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time July 25, 2013, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried.

Rezone Moss Gate Apartments at 10600 Abercorn Street (Z-120628-40849-2). An ordinance to rezone 10600 Abercorn Street from P-B-C (Planned Community Business) to P-RM-25 (Planned Multi-family Residential – 25 units per acre). (Approved August 23, 2012 and should have been on the agenda for the September 6, 2012 meeting). Recommend approval

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY
FROM ITS PRESENT P-B-C ZONING CLASSIFICATION
TO A P-RM-25 ZONING CLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL
ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in a regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: The following described property be rezoned from its present P-B-C zoning classification to a P-RM-25 zoning classification:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commencing at a point [X: 976,737.233 Y: 722,988.643] located at the approximate intersections of the centerlines of the Abercorn Street and Wilshire Boulevard and proceeding in a Southwesterly direction S 16-13-3 W, along the centerline of Abercorn Street for approximately 145.62 ft. to a point [X: 976,696.6797 Y: 722,848.7783], said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING, thence proceeding in a direction: S 69-34-2 E, for an approximate distance of: 480.95 to a point, thence proceeding in a direction: S 17-42-8 W, for an approximate distance of: 179.23 to a point, thence proceeding in a direction: N 69-23-53 W, for an approximate distance of: 476.20 to a point, thence proceeding in a direction: N 16-9-10 E, for an approximate distance of: 178.12 to a point, [X: 976,696.6797 Y: 722,848.7783], said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:

P.I.N. 2-0649-016-003A

SECTION 2: That the requirement of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. That an opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 27th day of July , 2012, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: July 25, 2013

MPC FILE NO.: Z-120628-40849-2

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah as follows:

At the meeting held on the 25th day of July, 2013 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council reentered into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for the closed session purposes are hereby ratified;
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirms that to the best of his or her knowledge, the subject matter of the closed session was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above;
3. The presiding officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b); 17
4. The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

Right-of-Way Deed for SR 25 Connector/West Bay Street Improvements. A resolution to authorize and direct the City Manager to execute the Right-of-Way Deed to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the transfer of a 0.054 acre parcel of land along W. Bay Street. GDOT is requesting that the City grant a Right-of-Way Deed for a 0.054 acres parcel of land together with a temporary construction easement associated with SR 25 Connector/West Bay Street Improvements for work required within the project area. Final plans have been approved and GDOT has submitted a Right-of-Way Deed for execution by the City. Recommend approving the resolution and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Right-of-Way Deed together with a temporary construction easement. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried.

Alderman Johnson recused himself from voting because he owns property in the area. Alderman Osborne asked the City Manager if the City has any updated information on the GADOT on Bay Street and she responded that she will follow up with that information.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF A 0.054 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND ALONG WEST BAY STREET.

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A §36-37-6(e), the City is authorized to sell or transfer property to another governing authority or government agency for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has notified the City of Savannah of the need for land as part of the widening and improvements to West Bay Street; and

WHEREAS, final plans for the project have been approved and GDOT is now requesting the execution of the Right-of-Way Deed for said property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the City Manager be authorized and directed to execute the Right-of-Way Deed to the Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 25th day of July, 2013.

Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Funds to Union Mission, Inc. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Savannah and Union Mission, Inc. for federal assistance, in the amount of \$643,987 to implement the Shelter Plus Care program. The grant provides for \$40,219 in project sponsor administrative expenses and \$603,768 for rental subsidies and supportive services for low-income persons. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried.

Alderman Thomas stated he wanted this to remain open in case the City Manager wanted to provide an explanation. The City Manager stated Shelter Plus is a grant that the City of Savannah has been receiving from the federal government for several years. These funds have been a great benefit to the community and for those living in poverty.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City of Savannah received \$643,987 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Shelter Plus Care program funds to implement supportive housing programs;

WHEREAS Union Mission, Inc. is a nonprofit organization who proposes to provide housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, and their families who are living in places not intended for human habitation ;

WHEREAS it is necessary for the City Council to authorize an agreement between the City of Savannah and Union Mission for federal assistance, in the amount of \$643,987 to implement the supportive housing program known as the Shelter Plus Care Program (54 Unit).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, hereby resolve and authorize Stephanie S. Cutter, City Manager, to execute the grant agreement between the City of Savannah and Union Mission, Inc. for the delivery of its supportive housing program.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: July 25, 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request to Declare Property Surplus – 1202 Graydon Street and 923 W. 40th Street. Staff is requesting that the City declare surplus properties located at 1202 Graydon Street (PIN 2-0041 -09-016) and 923 W. 40th Street (PIN 2-0073 -23-003). Current budget restraints prevent the City from making needed renovations of the properties.

The City originally acquired 1202 Graydon Street via deed in lieu of foreclosure on December 16, 2009. The property, a vacant brick single-family residential structure sitting on a lot totaling 0.06 acres, shows signs of termite activity. The legal description of 1202 Graydon Street is LOT LOTS 28, 29 & PT OF 27 BLK 3 HULL WD PRB 27P 70.

The City originally acquired 923 W. 40th Street via condemnation in rem on November 21, 2005. The property is a vacant frame single-family residential contributing structure within the historic Culyer Brownsville neighborhood, which prohibits its demolition. The legal description of 923 W. 40th Street is LOT 12 DEMERE WARD.

Staff proposes to sell both 1202 Graydon Street and 923 W 40th Street for residential development, via request for proposal (RFP) significantly below the appraisal values. The City will consider all offers to include but not limited to contractors. However, the City will give preference to non-profits, stakeholders, and owner-occupants.

Staff recommends declaring surplus the properties located at 1202 Graydon Street and 923 W. 40th Street, in order to offer the properties for sale to the public via RFP. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried.

Alderman Bordeaux noted for the record that available surplus property is listed on the City's website. Alderman Osborne stated that in the past the City, with the agreement of all the residents within the area, has closed off certain lanes and declared the property as surplus. She stated they need to be very careful that the property designated as surplus is not to the business benefit of individuals as opposed to residents that live in the area.

Edgewater Trace Mural. The Historic Site and Monument Commission (HSMC) recommends approval of a proposal by Kole Management Company, which owns and operates Edgewater Trace Apartments at 10714 Abercorn Street (across from the Post Office), to install a mural on an existing retaining wall along Abercorn Street. The mural will face the interior of the apartment complex and will not be visible from Abercorn Street.

The retaining wall is currently owned by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and will be transferred to the City of Savannah upon completion of the improvements to Abercorn Street. GDOT has requested that the mural proposal be reviewed as if the wall was already City property.

The proposed mural will consist of a landscape utilizing native plants such as wax myrtles, cabbage palms, yaupon holly, bald cypress, ferns and cat tails to blend the concrete wall into the existing vegetation on the site and maintain neutral landscape scenery for the apartment residents.

The HSMC recommends approval of the mural because it meets the standards in the Master Plan and Guidelines for Markers, Monuments, and Public Art. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Authorization to Execute Chatham Narcotic Team (CNT) Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County. Authorization for the City Manager to execute an “Intergovernmental Agreement” between the City of Savannah and Chatham County for drug enforcement services. The CNT is designated as the primary drug enforcement agency for the entire county and municipalities therein. An advisory board chaired by the Chief of the SCMPD is functioning for the sole purpose of providing policy advice. The Agreement facilitates a cooperative and ongoing planning process that allows operations to respond to changing conditions within the City of Savannah. The City is required to provide at least 30 sworn officers and five (5) administrative personnel. All employee costs including benefits will be reimbursed by the County to the City. The agreement may be terminated by the Mayor and Aldermen or the Chatham County Board of Commissioners upon receipt of 180 days’ notice. Upon a motion by Alderman Shabazz, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried.

Alderman Shabazz stated she felt it’s important that the communication piece between the commanders of Savannah’s Police Department and the Chatham County Narcotics team be clearly defined so they collaborate effectively to ensure the safety of the community. Alderman Osborne said drug sales are made on corners throughout the city and the community definitely needs a drug squad to control these various hotspots. The City Manager stated last year Council approved 4th quarter operability of the drug squad in the 2013 Budget. Alderman Johnson said there was a need for clarity on how the vision should be carried out and this was provided by the City Manager. Mayor Jackson stated there is an advisory committee comprised of City and County Managers, the Chair of the County Commission, herself, the Chief of CNT and the Chief of Police. They have not had a meeting yet, but the Mayor would like to meet quarterly and provide Council with information derived from those meetings. Alderman Sprague asked what the terms were, if the agreement has been drawn up and what is its duration. The City Manager stated the terms have not changed from the original signed agreement, but it can be terminated with a six-month notice. Attorney Stillwell said he didn’t remember the term ending date, but stated it was long. He also stated that the City provides 30 police officers along with support staff, but the County reimburses 100% of the cost for salaries and benefits for all of those employees. Alderman Sprague thanked him for the explanation.

ePayables Services – Event No. 1574. Approval to award a contract for ePayable services to Wells Fargo Bank. As part of the 2013 budget, a service improvement for an ePayables solution was approved by City Council and will help streamline and automate the City’s supplier invoice

payment process by transitioning from traditional paper checks to electronic payments. Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried.

Alderman Sprague asked for clarification of the rebates and the dollar amount. She also asked why Wells Fargo is described as local and not Bank of America. The City Manager stated this was a pilot and the \$800,000 was an estimate as they wanted to test to see what the rebate would look like. The rebate is really contingent upon how many vendors the City uses and in turn agrees to use the e-payables service. Joy Kerkhoff, Purchasing Director stated the Bank of America office that handles this service is located in Atlanta, so it is deemed non-local. If both had branches in Savannah they would be described as local.

Marine 1 Engines – Event No. 1494. Approval to procure two outboard engines from Gillis Marine in the amount of \$32,620.00. The two motors will be installed on Marine 1, the Savannah Fire and Emergency Services' 28-foot aluminum fire and rescue vessel. This vessel has twin out-board Yamaha two-stroke motors which are in need of replacement. Upon a motion by Alderman Bordeaux, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried it was deferred to August 8, 2013.

The City Manager stated the boat is currently out of service because the engines do not work. The solicitations went out to 98 proposed bidders and the recommended bidder is in Thunderbolt. Alderman Hall asked for the company name and Mayor Jackson stated it was Gillis Marine which is a local firm. Alderman Thomas stated that Gillis Marine was the only company that submitted a bid. Chief Biggers, Special Operations stated they were not special or unique engines. Alderman Bordeaux said the bidding process concerned him and he would like a postponement of two weeks to review this; the City Manager concurred. Alderman Bell asked why Thunderbolt isn't described as local and asked if that designation could be changed. Ms. Kerkhoff said that is defined by the Local Preference Ordinance and the ordinance would have to be changed.

Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved per the City Manager's recommendations:

Truck and Tractor Tires – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1561. Approval to renew an annual contract to procure truck and tractor tires from SOS Radial Tire in the amount of \$277,525.65. The truck and tractor tires will be used by the Vehicle Maintenance Department to replace worn or damaged tires on City fleet vehicles (Account No. 611-1130-51360). This is the last available renewal option. Bids were originally received February 22, 2011. This bid was advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net 30 Days.

The bidder was: L.B. SOS Radial Tire (B) \$ 277,525.65

Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Vehicle Maintenance/Vehicle Parts (Account No. 611-1130-51360). A Pre-Bid conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business

Newspaper Advertising Services – Sole Source - Event No. 1578. Approval to award an annual contract for newspaper advertising services from Savannah Morning News in the amount up to \$49,790.00. The advertising will be used by various departments to place ads in the print and digital version of the Savannah Morning News. This contract will provide significant discounted advertising rates based on anticipated volumes. This is a sole source procurement because the Savannah Morning News is the only local paper with a large daily circulation.

Repairs of Factors Walk Wall Along Barnard Street Ramp – Event No. 1496. Approval to procure repair services to the Factors Walk Wall along Barnard Street Ramp from Collins Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$53,000.00. The project includes repairs to the historic Factors Walk Wall along the Barnard Street Ramp, and will include the installation of Dwidag rods, repair and replacement of brick, installation of steel plates, repair of stair treads, resetting and re-pointing stone with compatible mortar, and replacing the stairway handrail and guardrail to meet current code.

Bonaventure Lighthouse Columbarium – Event No. 1347. Approval to award a contract for consultant design services for the Bonaventure Lighthouse Columbarium to Greenline Architecture, PC in the amount of \$195,700.00. The consultant services will include design of the Lighthouse Columbarium and the area surrounding the lighthouse to include paved surface for officiating memorial services and other public events. The surface should be surrounded on multiple sides by concentric walls of niches and cremation benches that will seat 50 or more persons. Internment rights to these niches will be sold.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Remote Terminal Units (RTU) Upgrade Equipment – Sole Source – Event No. 1589. Approval to procure Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment from Emerson Process Management in the amount of \$152,322.80. The equipment is needed to upgrade 30 Lift Stations to replace hardware purchased between 1994 and 2008 which has been discontinued and that controls and monitors remote sites. The upgrade will keep all field hardware updated and prevent multiple programming languages and software from being required; the upgrade will also allow for a reduction of parts inventory. It will increase the abilities of the remote sites to store more data locally and to use different forms of communications to report back to the central site through the City fiber, cellular, cable, and Wi-Fi networks

Rehabilitate Signature Apron Ramps – Event No. 1413 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Approval to enter into a contract with Carroll & Carroll, Inc. in the amount of \$108,000.00 for the Rehabilitate Signature Apron Ramps project. This project consists of providing all labor and materials to mill and overlay an existing asphalt ramp for General Aviation.

Rental Car Facility Upgrades, City of Savannah Event No. 1188 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. Approval to enter into a contract with Holland and Holland, Inc. in the amount of \$1,843,716.70 for the Rental Car Facility Upgrades project. This project consists of providing all labor and materials to upgrade the existing Rental Car Facilities including, but not limited to, lighting, paving, fueling pumps, electrical, wash racks, and roofing.

The following announcements were made:

Alderman Shabazz reported on a letter to Council from the City Manager regarding the problematic subject of merchants and their abandoned shopping carts. Starting August 1, 2013 City staff will start reviewing and targeting specific areas and store owners throughout the City. The City Manager stated that this has been an ongoing widespread issue for several years and this is a warning to the public that the City is gearing up for very strict enforcement that will include fines. The City Manager stated that the City will conduct conversations with store managers and owners about this issue because they are ultimately responsible for their shopping carts. Council members discussed various remedial options and ways to combat this community issue.

Alderman Osborne reminded Baldwin Park residents and anyone else interested to attend the Baldwin Park Drainage Improvement meeting at the Savannah Arts Academy on Washington Avenue, Thursday, July 25, 2013 beginning at 5 p.m.

Alderman Bell reminded everyone about the launching of “Ask an Alderman” announced last month. The program takes government to the people and will be introduced throughout the districts. The District Alderman and At-Large Alderman will conduct an informal Q & A session at a prominent and visible location in each district beginning with District 1 in late August; place and time to be determined per Alderman Johnson.

Alderman Hall reported that Council members received an email regarding DeRenne Middle School’s request of Council members to devote some of their time to read a portion of a book to students Friday, August 30, 2013, 7:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. Alderman Hall asked Council to please give this some consideration; this is where he works and he would like to have their support.

Alderman Shabazz announced Council received an invitation from the Savannah Pre-Apprentice Program to attend their graduation ceremony Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 4 p.m. in the 3rd floor Ballroom of the Savannah Civic Center. Their theme this year is Learn, Earn and Succeed. Please RSVP by July 29, 2013 to Steven Maxwell at 912-651-2363.

Mayor Jackson announced a meeting on August 8, 2013 regarding the millage rate; also announced the grand opening of the Thomas Square Fire Station, which was financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds and not City dollars. The Mayor requested that Council members tour all proposed sites for the new arena before making a decision.

Mayor Jackson briefly discussed Washington D.C. updates, specifically Senate Bill #1243 and asked the City Manager to please check her email regarding another conference call scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013. The Mayor stated that State Senators Isakson and Chambliss both followed the recommendations sent by Council. In addition to an acknowledgement letter sent to the Senators, the Mayor publicly thanked them.

Mayor Jackson also announced the Public Safety Roundtable Wednesday, July 31, 2013 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the 3rd floor Ballroom of the Savannah Civic Center and the Mayor’s 7th Annual

Small Business Conference Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center. The keynote speaker this year is Greg Parker, President of the Parker Companies and the Mayor is encouraging everyone to register for the event.

Alderman Bell congratulated Mayor Jackson and members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on their 100th anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C. Alderman Bell stated over 46,000 women attended the centennial event and she wanted to recognize this momentous occasion. Alderman Osborne commended Mayor Jackson for conducting City business while on her vacation. Mayor Jackson thanked her for the acknowledgement.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Alicia Blakely, President of the Savannah Chapter of the National Action Network, along with property owner Ike Lewis and approximately 15 of his tenants appeared before Council to address the issue of rooming houses in Savannah and their eviction case. Ms. Blakely stated that Mr. Lewis was told to close nine of his rooming houses throughout the City of Savannah. This action will force him to evict approximately 150 people that reside in these nine properties. Ms. Blakely stated these individuals are the working poor, disabled, receive SSI and have very minimal incomes. They reside in Districts 1, 3 and 5 and will become homeless or forced to move to the area off President Street called "Tent City" which is in the woods and has deplorable living conditions. Ms. Blakely pleaded with Council for the City's assistance with the eviction notice and asked if the City would work with Mr. Lewis to help bring his properties into compliance.

Mayor Jackson asked Mr. Lewis to state his name and the location of his properties. He stated his name was Ike Lewis and the properties were at various locations throughout the City. Mr. Lewis stated the previous zoning administrators allowed him to operate six of his properties under the multi-family dwelling policy for many, many years. The City no longer supports that policy and they were given a court order dated August 9, 2013 to close all nine properties which houses close to 200 people. He has given each tenant a letter informing them of the eviction. Mr. Lewis stated these people will all soon become homeless unless something can be done today. Ms. Blakely stated she has worked with Ms. Naomi Brown, a City of Savannah employee, who has placed people in Mr. Lewis' rooming houses in the past. Ms. Brown will attempt to locate housing for these individuals if the eviction goes through. Mr. Lewis gave Mayor Jackson a copy of the notification letter from him to his tenants and the Mayor put it into the record.

Aldermen Shabazz and Osborne both asked if there was something Council could do to either prevent the eviction, work out some type of plan to assist Mr. Lewis with the compliance issue or help these people find affordable housing. The City Manager stated the City feels very strongly about the homeless issue and will do everything they can to assist with this dreadful situation. Attorneys Johnson and Stillwell both stated this has been going on for several years and Mr. Lewis has had three court hearings. Attorney Johnson stated he does not want Council to vacate the judge's eviction order.

Alderman Bell stated the City Manager should have an opportunity to review all the details involved with this case. Alderman Sprague asked for a list of all the tenant names so Council can

follow-up on their status three to four weeks from now. Alderman Bordeaux stated that Mr. Lewis has collected thousands of dollars for rent from these people and feels he has taken advantage of them. Alderman Johnson stated that he has known Ike Lewis for a number of years and he has always been a respectful and upstanding citizen of Savannah.

Mayor Jackson asked the City Manager to research and find out if City staff placed people in illegal rooming houses. The Mayor stated that there was nothing Council could do at the meeting today, but they would review all the facts, see what they could do to help remedy this very unfortunate situation and get back to Ms. Blakely and Mr. Lewis with their findings.

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dyanne C. Reese".

Dyanne C. Reese, MMC,
Clerk of Council